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RABIES - UKRAINE (02): (ZHYTOMYR) FOX, HUMAN EXPOSURE

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<<http://glavnoe.ua/news/n62488>>

A total of 19 suspected human cases of rabies has been reported in Zhytomyr oblast [province] of Ukraine. The press service of the Ukrainian Ministry of Emergencies has announced 5 more suspected rabies hospitalizations in Zhytomyr province within the past week. All these patients have had been in contact with a rabid animal. These last 5 patients are in addition to 14 people who had been admitted to hospital on Fri 5 Nov 2010.

Currently 19 patients are receiving rabies prophylaxis only and their health condition is satisfactory. Officials of the Ministry have stated that rabid foxes, which are unusually abundant this year [2010], are the source of the human infections. In the northern areas of the Zhytomyr province the density of foxes is 8-fold greater than normal.

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[Rabies is endemic and widespread in wildlife throughout Ukraine, transmitted predominantly by foxes and wolves. A recently implemented oral wildlife vaccination programme has yet to take effect.

A map of the oblasts of the Ukraine, showing Zhytomyr in the north west, can be accessed at

<<http://infoukes.com/ua-maps/oblasts/>>.

The HealthMap/ProMED-mail interactive map of Ukraine is available at

<<http://healthmap.org/r/0gg7>>. - Mod.CP]

[On 5 Nov 2010, ProMED-RUS reported rabies infection of a cow and a calf in the village Kutishe in Lyubarski rayon [district] of Zhytomyr oblast. In all, 14 hospitalised patients had contact with these 2 animals, and the village is currently under quarantine -- see ProMED-RUS archive no. [20101107.123666](#) (in Russian). These animal

cases are not connected with the fox-related cases described above. -
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[For a description of the characteristics of rabies virus infection in
cattle, readers are referred to ProMED-mail post
Rabies - Ukraine: (VI) , bovine, human exposure [20101009.3668](#). - Mod.CP]

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